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22 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Four daily Special Memorandums on foreign radio and press reaction to the President's Latin American tour were prepared for the White House at the Director's request. Copies were sent to the Secretaries of State and Defense as well as to the Director and other Agency officials. It was understood that the recipients of the copies delivered to the White House included General Maxwell D. Taylor, the President's Military Representative, and Mr. George Bundy, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. [] 50X1

2. The daily propaganda-analysis service to the U.S. delegation at the Geneva conference on Laos was suspended during the absence of the Agency representative from Geneva, 17 December to 14 January. FBID was asked during this period to maintain a watch on propaganda relevant to conference issues and to furnish spot analyses as warranted by developments. Accordingly, a cable calling attention to new evidences of Sino-Soviet friction was sent to Geneva on 21 December. The regular service was resumed on 15 January with cable No. 177. [] 50X1

3. FBID's support of the U.S. delegation to the Geneva nuclear test ban talks is continuing. RFB is furnishing propaganda-analysis cables, and the London Bureau is supplying key monitored intercepts directly to Geneva. [] 50X1

4. Direct FBIS Wire Service to the White House was established on 14 December 1961 when the circuit to the National Security Council in the Executive Office Building was extended to the White House Communications Center, East Wing. FBIS was advised by a White House source that Wire Service material is frequently made available elsewhere to the President through relay facilities. [] 50X1

5. OCI's Current Intelligence Digest during December contained 207 items, with 65 (31 percent) based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [] 50X1

6. Press Scrutiny items amounted to 12 percent of Daily Report pages during December, with 88 percent devoted to broadcast material. [] 50X1

PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [] 50X1

1. RFB Publications and Services:

- a. A Radio Propaganda Report on "Soviet Public Statements Bearing on Anti-Missile Defense" was prepared at the request of the Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI.

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- b. The tenth Index of Radio Propaganda Reports was issued on 29 December, covering the period June through December 1961.
- c. Two propaganda-analysis items on the World Peace Council meeting in Stockholm, dealing with a dispute between the Soviet and Guinean delegates and with evidences of Sino-Soviet conflict, were disseminated on the FBIS Wire.

2. The following are among the Radio Propaganda Reports projected or under consideration for publication within the next few months:

- a. New Militant Orthodoxy in Recent Soviet Domestic Propaganda on Ideology
- b. Bloc Treatment of Cuba's Claim to "Socialism" and of "National Democracy" in Underdeveloped Countries
- c. CPR Propaganda on the Problem of Restoring Private Plots in the Commune
- d. Continuation of the Soviet Policy Dispute Over Resource Allocation following up Radio Propaganda Report RS. 48 on this subject.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

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1. Because of the increasing amount of copy dealing with Africa, bureaus are asked to file African voice and press briefs separately when feasible, using country slugs such as "Guinean Briefs," "Algerian Briefs," etc. When briefs from several countries are filed as a single take, under the broader heading "African Briefs," they should be grouped according to country with an appropriate subslug, such as "Guinea," "Algeria," etc.

2. The preferred spelling for the Capital of Somalia is Mogadiscio.

3. Routine items should not be filed as FYI's when such material can be sent with a full sourceline and an appropriate processing indicator such as text, excerpts, summary, etc. Some FYI's have been received, for example, which simply quote an item in full or in part, or which consist of nothing more than a summary, when it would have been possible to file the item normally, with the proper indicator. However, when it is considered that the material can best be presented in an FYI, the FYI should be concise and carefully written from the editor's viewpoint to permit it to be used unchanged on the Wire and as an editor's note in the Daily Report.

MEDITERRANEAN BUREAU

1. FYI's rounding up reportage and comment from Soviet bloc and Yugoslav transmitters should, when convenient, be filed separately from FYI's dealing with Middle East radics to insure distribution to the proper Daily Report Section.

LONDON BUREAU

1. The Italian press review should be filed on merit only. Interest is greatest in comment on important internal developments and on significant world events in which U.S. policy is directly involved. It is not necessary to file negative FYI's when the review is not processed.

AUSTRIAN BUREAU

1. Except under unusual circumstances, the review of the Austrian press and radio should be held to one Daily Report page (about 400 words) Tuesday through Friday. The correct sourceline for the review is as published in the Daily Report, with the bureau symbol in the sourceline, not after the processing indicator. The general presentation of the materials and the quality of editing have been exceptionally good.

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ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. Equipment for extracting narrow range frequency shift Cyrillic radio teletype signals from Russian low frequency voice broadcasting radio transmitters has been installed at the Mediterranean Bureau, and is now being used to monitor TASS Cyrillic transmissions.

2. The Okinawa Bureau Editorial and Teletype Room extensions and rewiring are complete and both rooms are fully activated. Storm-proof entranceways have been completed. Plans and estimates for restoration of the Bolo Point BOQ building, severely damaged by a typhoon, are being studied by Headquarters. Authorization to solicit bids was approved.

3. At the Panama Post, modification of one "V" antenna and construction of the second "V" antenna are virtually complete. New single-length coaxial cables are being installed between the antennas and the multicoupler terminals. Space allocation and equipment location plans are being developed at Headquarters.

4. Bureaus are requested to review priority ratings for programs covered. The ratings should reflect as closely as possible the elements of program content, degree of commitment, and processing order in effect at the Bureau. Changes can be accomplished through regular coverage reporting procedures.

ADMINISTRATION

1. FBIS has adopted the recommendation of the Federal Safety Council that all Government vehicles be equipped with seat belts. In the absence of a specific request to the contrary, all vehicles sent by Headquarters to Bureaus will be so equipped. Belts for vehicles now on hand may either be requisitioned from Headquarters or obtained through local facilities normally used to provide parts and services.

2. Approval for the sale of personal automobiles shipped overseas at government expense is delegated to the Bureau Chiefs, under the same criteria as heretofore in effect. All such sales must be in accordance with local laws and regulations.

3. When a foreign employee is considering retirement, he should be told that it will be approximately sixty days before he may expect an annuity check. In those cases where U.S. Government service must be verified, it may be even longer.

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4. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were disseminated:

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1. New Employees

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Teletype Operator
East Coast Bureau

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Editor, USSR & EE Section
Editorial Branch

2. Reassignments

From

To

Operations Officer
Hokkaido Bureau

Editor
Wire Service Section
Editorial Branch

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Watch Officer
Mediterranean Bureau

Watch Officer
East Coast Bureau

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3. Separations

Assignment

Radio Operator
East Coast Bureau

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Editorial Branch

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